

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-48 (cancelled).

49. (new) An apparatus forming a bundling tie, said bundling tie being  
capable of both being securely attached to a single portion of a workpiece at a first  
tie loop and easily connected and disconnected about a bundle formed of multiple  
workpiece portions at a second tie loop, comprising:

a locking portion having a first locking slot and a second locking slot, said first  
and second locking slots being closed openings having respective first and second  
enlarged ends and respective first and second narrow ends with respective first and  
second intermediate necked down sections respectively between said first and second  
enlarged ends and said first and second narrow ends;

a strand connected to said at least one locking portion;

a plurality of three dimensional locking features spaced along the strand which  
are capable of passing through the enlarged ends of the first and second locking slots  
but incapable of passing through the narrow ends of the first and second locking  
slots;

wherein said first and second locking slots are oriented in the locking portion  
such that the first and second reduced openings are positioned towards a connection  
between the strand and the locking portion;

and wherein said first locking slot has a smaller necked down intermediate  
section as compared to a larger necked down intermediate section of the second  
locking slot;

whereby the first locking slot may lock with a three dimensional locking  
feature on said strand to form the first tie loop that securely engages a workpiece  
section and locks thereto, and the second locking slot may lock with another three  
dimensional locking feature on said strand to form the second tie loop that is used  
to hold a bundle of sections of the workpiece and which can be unlatched with a  
reduced unlatching force compared to the unlatching force needed for said first  
locking slot.

50. (new) An apparatus according to claim 49 wherein the strand has two  
sections, a first section connected to the locking portion at a strand connection and  
having locking features which are more closely spaced as compared to a second  
section having which is further from said strand connection and has less frequent  
locking features thereon.

51. (new) An apparatus according to claim 49 and further comprising an  
accessory holder connected to said locking portion.

52. (new) An apparatus according to claim 49 and further comprising a  
hanging hole in said locking portion.

53. (new) An apparatus according to claim 49 and further comprising a  
handle connected to said locking portion.

54. (new) An apparatus according to claim 49 and further comprising:  
a handle connected to said locking portion;  
at least one hanging hole on said locking portion or said handle.

55. (new) An apparatus forming a bundling tie, said bundling tie being capable of both being securely attached to a single portion of a workpiece at a first tie loop and easily connected and disconnected about a bundle formed of multiple workpiece portions at a second tie loop, comprising:

a locking portion having a first locking slot and a second locking slot, said first and second locking slots being closed openings having respective first and second enlarged ends and respective first and second narrow ends with respective first and second intermediate necked down sections respectively between said first and second enlarged ends and said first and second narrow ends;

a strand connected to said at least one locking portion;

a plurality of three dimensional locking features spaced along the strand which are capable of passing through the enlarged ends of the first and second locking slots but incapable of passing through the narrow ends of the first and second locking slots;

wherein said first locking slot has a smaller necked down intermediate section as compared to a larger necked down intermediate section of the second locking slot;

whereby the first locking slot may lock with a three dimensional locking feature on said strand to form the first tie loop that securely engages a workpiece section and locks thereto, and the second locking slot may lock with another three dimensional locking feature on said strand to form the second tie loop that is used to hold a bundle of sections of the workpiece and which can be unlatched with a

reduced unlatching force compared to the unlatching force needed for said first 22  
locking slot. 23

56. (new) An apparatus according to claim 55 wherein the strand has two 1  
sections, a first section having locking features which are more closely spaced than 2  
locking features on a second section. 3

57. (new) An apparatus according to claim 55 wherein the strand has two 1  
sections, a first section connected to the locking portion at a strand connection and 2  
having locking features which are more closely spaced as compared to a second 3  
section having which is further from said strand connection and has less frequent 4  
locking features. 5

58. (new) An apparatus according to claim 55 and further comprising an 1  
accessory holder connected to said locking portion. 2

59. (new) An apparatus according to claim 55 and further comprising a 1  
hanging hole in said locking portion. 2

60. (new) An apparatus according to claim 55 and further comprising a  
handle connected to said locking portion.

61. (new) An apparatus according to claim 55 and further comprising:  
a handle connected to said locking portion;  
at least one hanging hole on said locking portion or said handle.